

2012 Queen's International Institute on Social Policy



August 20 - 22, 2012, Kingston, ON

2012 THEME

Where Are We Going? The Changing Social Model in Canada

The Canadian social model is changing. In recent decades, shifting economic and social pressures and changing political priorities, have led to the restructuring of important social programs. What is the new trajectory in Canadian social policy? How different is the Canadian social model today from that in the past? Have we established a new balance in the roles of the market, families, the voluntary sector and governments in meeting the social needs of Canadians? How sustainable is the current model in fiscal and political terms? What are the implications for the priorities and challenges in the years to come?

QIISP 2012 examines the trajectory of change in social policy over the last 20 years. It places the Canadian trajectory in international perspective, comparing our experience with that of other OECD countries. The aim is to identify the principles underpinning the emerging social model, and the implications for the future agenda in social policy.

Monday, August 20, 2012

Welcome Reception

7:00 PM

Residence Inn by Marriott, Compass Rose Waterfront Park
(alternate location in the case of inclement weather: St. Lawrence Ballroom)

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

Light Refreshments

8:00 AM

Residence Inn by Marriott, St. Lawrence Ballroom

Welcome and Introduction

8:45 AM

The evolution of the Canadian social model in international perspective: how do we compare?

9:00 – 10:30 AM

- CHAIR: **François Weldon**, Director General of the Policy Research Directorate, HRSDC
- **Wen-Hao Chen**, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris, France
- **David Green**, Head, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia

Taxation as an instrument of social policy

10:45 – 12:15 PM

- CHAIR: **Steve Orsini**, Deputy Minister of Finance, and Secretary of Treasury Board, Ontario Ministry of Finance
- **Stuart Adam**, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, England
- **Frances Woolley**, Professor, Department of Economics, Carleton University

LUNCH

12:15 – 1:15 PM

Change in education/activation/training and the labour market

1:15 – 2:45 PM

- CHAIR: **Deborah Newman**, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- **Bruno Palier**, Research Director, Centre Nationale de Recherche Scientifique, Sciences Po, Paris, France
- **Jane Jenson**, Canada Research Chair in Citizenship and Governance, Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal

Change in health care

3:00 – 4:30 PM

- CHAIR: **Abby Hoffman**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Policy Branch, Health Canada
- **Joe White**, Director, Centre for Policy Studies, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- **Colleen Flood**, Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Reception

5:30 PM

Residence Inn by Marriott, Compass Rose Waterfront Park

Dinner

6:30 PM

Residence Inn by Marriott, St. Lawrence Ballroom

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

Light Refreshments

8:00 AM

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Change in immigration policy

9:00 – 10:30 AM

- CHAIR: **Les Linklater**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy Sector, Citizenship and Immigration, Canada
- **Richard Bedford**, Director, Population Studies Centre, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand
- **Naomi Alboim**, Chair, Policy Forum, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University

Public expectations: are Canadians' attitudes evolving?

10:45 – 12:15 PM

- CHAIR: **Heather Macvicar**, General Manager of Toronto Employment and Social Services, City of Toronto
- **Stuart Soroka**, Associate Professor and William Dawson Scholar in the Department of Political Science, McGill University
- **Chris Wlezien**, Professor, Department of Political Science, Temple University

LUNCH

12:15 - 1:15 PM

A new politics of social policy?

1:15 – 2:45 PM

- CHAIR: **Marg Rappolt**, Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services,
- **John Ibbitson**, Ottawa Bureau Chief, The Globe and Mail
- **Keith Banting**, Queen's Research Chair in Public Policy, Department of Political Studies and School of Policy Studies, Queen's University

2:45 PM

Conference Ends